



# Michigan *Office of the Auditor General* **REPORT SUMMARY**

## *Performance Audit*

### *Sex Offender Registries*

#### *Michigan Department of State Police*

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*The Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) established and maintains the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) and the Public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR). The Michigan sex offender registries were created with the intent of better assisting law enforcement officers and Michigan residents in preventing and protecting against the commission of future criminal sexual acts by convicted sex offenders.*

#### ***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness of MSP's efforts in ensuring accurate and complete data within the SOR and the PSOR.

#### ***Audit Conclusion:***

MSP's efforts were somewhat effective in ensuring accurate and complete data within the the SOR and the PSOR.

#### ***Material Condition:***

MSP did not always ensure the accuracy and completeness of data within the sex offender registries (Finding 1).

#### ***Reportable Conditions:***

MSP did not ensure that the SOR address verification date field always reflected the actual date that sex offenders appeared in person at local law enforcement agencies to verify their address (Finding 2).

MSP did not validate sex offender records as required by federal procedures (Finding 3).

MSP did not ensure the accuracy and completeness of system-generated reports (Finding 4).

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#### ***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness of MSP's PSOR on-line search tool as a mechanism for identifying sex offenders.

#### ***Audit Conclusion:***

MSP's on-line search tool was generally effective as a mechanism for identifying sex offenders.

#### ***Reportable Condition:***

MSP could improve the effectiveness and usability of the PSOR Web site by providing the public with more information and better ways to search for sex offenders (Finding 5).

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***Agency Response:***

Our audit report contains 5 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. MSP agreed with 3 recommendations, disagreed with 1 finding, and did not express agreement or disagreement with 1 recommendation.

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